Lyngdoh Committee report on university elections

239. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether J.M. Lyngdoh Committee report on university elections is made applicable to the students council elections in universities and colleges;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has reversed their earlier decision in this regard;

(c) the stand taken by Government in the matter; and

(d) the details of the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The J.M. Lyngdoh Committee Report provides recommendation on electoral reform in university and college students union elections. The Supreme Court in an interim order on 11th November, 2009 has noted that appointment of such committees by the Supreme Court amounted to judicial legislation and directed that the matter be placed before the Chief Justice of India for constituting a five judge Constitution bench to decide whether judicial legislation is constitutionally valid.

The Government is yet to be issued a notice in this regard. Therefore, the necessity of detailing a stand on the issue at this juncture does not arise.

Legislation for prohibiting malpractices in higher education

240. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enact a legislation or amend any existing legislations to prevent/prohibit malpractices in higher education;

(b) if so, the essential features of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether draft legislation is ready; and

(d) by what date the same is proposed to be introduced in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The legislation to prohibit and punish adoption of unfair practices by higher educational institutions is under consideration of Government.

Funds for universities and colleges in Punjab

241. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds made available to various universities and colleges in Punjab for higher education both for new projects and the on-going schemes during 2007, 2008 and 2009; and